CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method comprising:

   receiving a telephone call;

   encoding the telephone call;

   storing the encoded telephone call; and

   sending an email containing the encoded telephone call.

2. The method of claim 1 further comprising:

   in response to caller ID information received with the telephone call, retrieving additional identifying information; and

   including the additional identifying information in the email.

3. The method of claim 2 wherein the additional identifying information is retrieved from a remote website.

4. The method of claim 2 wherein the additional identifying information is retrieved from a local storage.

5. The method of claim 1 further comprising the sending of the email being in response to:

   receiving a remote request.

6. A method comprising:

   receiving a plurality of audio communications;

   encoding each of the plurality of audio communications;

   generating a video representation of the encoded audio communications;

   receiving, via the video representation, a request to play back one of the encoded audio communications; and

   decoding the requested one of the encoded audio communications.

7. The method of claim 6 wherein:

   the video representation is generated in response to a remote request from a remote location.

1   8.   The method of claim 7 further comprising:

2   sending the encoded one audio communication to a remote location; and

3   the decoding being done at the remote location.

1   9.   The method of claim 8 wherein:

2   the video representation comprises an html page; and

3   the request to play back comprises an activation of a control in the html page.

1   10.   The method of claim 9 wherein the control comprises a hyperlink.

1   11.   An article of manufacture comprising a medium having therein instructions which, when executed by a machine, cause the machine to perform the method of claim 1.

1   12.   The article of manufacture of claim 11 further comprising instructions which cause the

2 machine to perform the method of claim 2.

1   13.   An article of manufacture comprising a recordable medium having recorded thereon

2 instructions which, when executed by a machine, cause the machine to perform the method of claim

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1   14.   The article of manufacture of claim 13 further comprising instructions which cause the

2   machine to perform the method of claim 9.

1   15.   An apparatus comprising:

2   a communication interface for coupling to a network to receive a telephone call;

3   an encoder, coupled to the communication interface, for encoding the telephone call;

4   local storage, coupled to the encoder, for storing the encoded telephone call; and

5   an email program, coupled to the local storage, for sending an email containing the encoded

6   telephone call.

1   16.   The apparatus of claim 15 further comprising:

2   a video display; and

3   a display composer, coupled to the video display and to the local storage, for composing an

4   image on the video display representing the encoded telephone call.